

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Richard D. Bednar

Conf. No.: 6411

Appln. No.: 10/669,730

Title: DUAL-PATH, SINGLE-PUMP
HYDROSTATIC DRIVE FOR
MOWER

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Group Art Unit: 3618

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Atty. Docket No.: 684199-5U1 (7016R-000010/COB)

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

Commercial Grounds Care, Inc., a corporation, states that it is:

- ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
- ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest. The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is ____% in the patent/application identified above by virtue of either:
- ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent/application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel ____, Frame ____, a copy thereof is attached.

OR

- ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent/application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From Richard D. Bednar to Textron, Inc.
The document was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011217, Frame 0079, a copy thereof is attached.
2. From Textron, Inc. to Commercial Grounds Care, Inc.
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- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

- ☒ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

November 20, 2006
Date

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BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

BEDNAR, RICHARD D.

DOC DATE: 09/19/2000

ASSIGNEE:

TEXTRON INC., A DELAWARE ✓
CORPORATION
40 WESTMINISTER STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

SERIAL NUMBER: 09594830 ✓
PATENT NUMBER:

FILING DATE: 06/14/2000 ✓
ISSUE DATE:

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.31, enclosed herewith is a document for recordal in this case. The following information is provided:

(1) Name Of Party Conveying The Interest:

Richard D. Bednar
North 6804 Shorewood Hills Road
Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551

(2) Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest:

Textron Inc.
40 Westminister Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

A Delaware Corporation

(3) Description Of The Transaction To Be Recorded:

☒ Assignment ☐ License
☐ Change of Name ☐ Other _____

(4) Application(s) and/or Patent(s) Against Which Enclosure Is To Be Recorded:

☒ Application Serial Number 09/594,830, filed June 14, 2000 claiming the benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/139,231 filed June 14, 1999, entitled Dual-Path Single-Pump Hydrostatic Drive For Mower.

☐ Application being filed concurrently herewith and entitled

☐ Patent Number _____, issued _____.

(5) Name And Address Of The Party To Whom Correspondence Concerning The Request To Record Should Be Mailed:

Robert S. Nolan, Esq.
Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.
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(6) **Number Of Applications and/or Patents Identified In The Cover Sheet And Total Recordal Fee:**

Number of Applications/Patents:..... 1

Total Recordal Fee Enclosed:..... \$40.00

(7) **Date(s) The Document Was Executed:** September 19, 2000

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and if the attached is not an original document, the undersigned verifies that it is a true copy of the original.

If, for some reason, Applicant(s) has/have not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Robert S. Nolan

Robert S. Nolan

Reg. No. 30,667

Christopher A. Eusebi, Reg. No. 44,672

Attorney for Applicant

Date: Sept. 29, 2000

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, RICHARD D. BEDNAR residing at North 6804 Shorewood Hills Road, Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551 (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), have invented a new and useful invention entitled:

DUAL-PATH SINGLE-PUMP HYDROSTATIC DRIVE FOR MOWER

for which Assignor has made United States application for Letters Patent of the United States under Serial No. 09/594,830, filed June 14, 2000 that claims the benefit of copending United States provisional application Serial No. 60/139,231 filed June 14, 1999; and


WHEREAS, TEXTRON INC. (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 40 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said applications for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, his entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned invention, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behoof and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that the Assignor will, whenever counsel of the Assignee, or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said invention, or said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Letters Patent for said invention in any country, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patents, or any reissue or extension of any Letters Patents, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

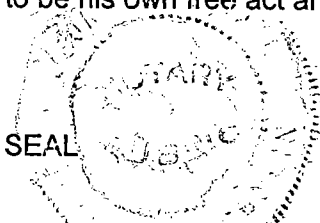
The Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue his entire right, title and interest to said Letters Patents of the United States to the Assignee for the sole use and behoof of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

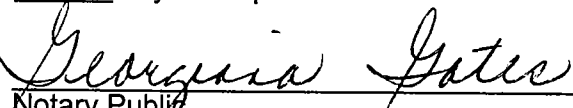
Signed at Johnson Creek, in the County of Jefferson, State of Wisconsin, this 19 day of Sept. 2000.


Richard D. Bednar

State of Wisconsin }
County of Jefferson } ss.

Before me personally appeared said Richard D. Bednar, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 19 day of September 2000.




Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 4-6-03

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BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).
DOCKET NUMBER: 209599.5002/GP

ASSIGNOR:

TEXTRON INC.

DOC DATE: 08/16/2006

ASSIGNEE:

COMMERCIAL GROUNDS CARE, INC.
ONE BOBCAT LANE
JOHNSON CREEK, WISCONSIN 53038

SERIAL NUMBER: 11314648

FILING DATE: 12/21/2005

PATENT NUMBER:

ISSUE DATE:

TITLE: MOWER WITH INTEGRATED OCCUPANT PRESENCE AND INDEPENDENT DRIVE AND
BRAKE LOCKOUT

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SERIAL NUMBER: 10669730 FILING DATE: 09/24/2003
PATENT NUMBER: ISSUE DATE:
TITLE: DUAL-PATH, SINGLE-PUMP HYDROSTATIC DRIVE FOR MOWER

SERIAL NUMBER: 10285710 FILING DATE: 10/31/2002
PATENT NUMBER: 7003935 ISSUE DATE: 02/28/2006
TITLE: MOWER WITH INTEGRATED OCCUPANT PRESENCE AND INDEPENDENT DRIVE AND
BRAKE LOCKOUT

SERIAL NUMBER: 10323721 FILING DATE: 12/18/2002
PATENT NUMBER: 6834485 ISSUE DATE: 12/28/2004
TITLE: INDEPENDENT POSITIVE REVERSE DRIVE MOWER WITH BRAKE LOCKOUT

SERIAL NUMBER: 09436300 FILING DATE: 11/08/1999
PATENT NUMBER: 6347502 ISSUE DATE: 02/19/2002
TITLE: CUTTER ASSEMBLY POSITIONING MECHANISM AND CONTROL FOR RIDING LAWN
MOWER

SERIAL NUMBER: 09594830 FILING DATE: 06/14/2000
PATENT NUMBER: 6662895 ISSUE DATE: 12/16/2003
TITLE: DUAL-PATH SINGLE-PUMP HYDROSTATIC DRIVE FOR MOWER

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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	ASSIGNMENT
CONVEYING PARTY DATA	
Name	Execution Date
Textron Inc.	08/16/2006
RECEIVING PARTY DATA	
Name:	Commercial Grounds Care, Inc.
Street Address:	One Bobcat Lane
City:	Johnson Creek
State/Country:	WISCONSIN
Postal Code:	53038
PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 6	
Property Type	Number
Patent Number:	7003935
Application Number:	11314648
Patent Number:	6834485
Patent Number:	6347502
Patent Number:	6662895
Application Number:	10669730
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ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER:	209599.5002/GP

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NAME OF SUBMITTER:

Victoria A. Jones

Total Attachments: 3

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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

PATENT ASSIGNMENT made as of the 18th day of August, 2006 from Textron Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Assignor"), to Commercial Grounds Care, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("Assignee"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement, as hereinafter defined. This Assignment is not intended to grant or impose, nor shall it be construed as granting or imposing, any rights or obligations to or on Assignor or Assignee beyond those expressly set forth in the Agreement, as hereinafter defined.

WHEREAS Assignee is a party to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of August 4, 2006 (the "Agreement") by and among Textron Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Textron"), Textron, a Wisconsin corporation and indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Textron ("Textron"), Textron Inc., a Wisconsin corporation and indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Textron ("Steiner") and Schiller-Pfeiffer, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation relating exclusively to the business of designing and manufacturing certain equipment at the Johnson Creek, Wisconsin facility owned by Textron and located at One Bobcat Lane, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin 53038 and the Dalton, Ohio facility leased by Steiner at 289 North Kurzen Drive, Dalton, Ohio 44618, and marketing, selling and distributing such equipment for use in the commercial grounds care business under the brand names "Bob-Cat," "Brouwer," "Bunton," "Ryan" and "Steiner".

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7(b)(iv) of the Agreement, Assignor has agreed to deliver this assignment;

WHEREAS Assignor desires to convey its entire right, title and interest in and to the United States and foreign patents and patent applications set forth in Exhibit A hereto, and any and all inventions disclosed therein ("Patents"); and

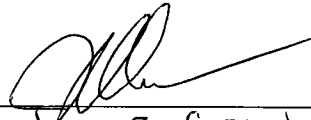
WHEREAS Assignee is desirous of acquiring Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, Assignor hereby sells, assigns, conveys and transfers to Assignee, its successors and assigns, Assignor's entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to the Patents for the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries, including any and all provisionals, divisions, continuations, continuations in part, substitute applications, reexaminations and reissues or extensions thereof; and all resulting patents to the full end of the term for which said Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said Patents with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and behalf or for the use and behalf of its legal representatives;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused its duly authorized officer to execute this Assignment as of the date first written above.

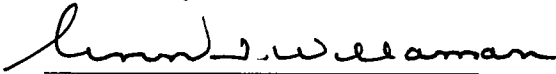
TEXTRON INC.

By: 
Name: JOHN R. CURRAN
Title: VICE PRESIDENT - MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

STATE OF Rhode Island)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF Providence)

On this 16th day of August, 2006, before me, ANN T. WILLAMAN, personally appeared JOHN R. CURRAN the VP-M&A of Textron Inc., personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Signature of Notary Public

**MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JULY 11, 2009**

ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED:

COMMERCIAL GROUNDS CARE, INC.

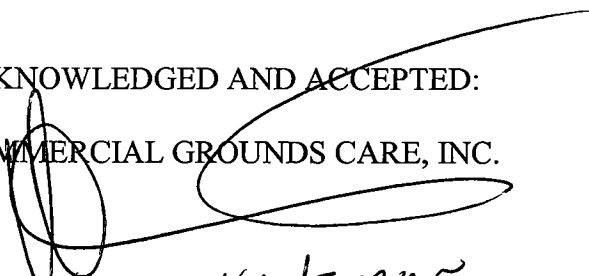
By: 
Name: Vicki Watsman
Title: Sic front

Exhibit A
to Patent Assignment by Textron Inc.

Application No.	Filing Date	Patent No.	Issue Date	Country	Title	Status
✓ 10/285710	10/31/2002	7003935	2/28/2006	US	Mower With Integrated Occupant Presence And Independent Drive And Brake Lockout	Granted: Issued
11/314648	12/21/2005			US	Mower With Integrated Occupant Presence And Independent Drive And Brake Lockout	Filed: Pending
✓ 10/323721	12/18/2002	6834485	12/28/2004	US	Independent Positive Reverse Drive Mower With Brake Lockout	Granted: Issued
031044514	11/28/2003			EP	Independent Positive Reverse Drive Mower With Brake Lockout	Filed: Published
1020040009 094	2/11/2004			KR	Track Propelled Turf Care Device	Filed: Pending
93103231	2/11/2004			TW	Track Propelled Turf Care Device	Filed: Pending
✓ 09/436300	11/8/1999	6347502	2/19/2002	US	Cutter Assembly Positioning Mechanism And Control For Riding Lawn Mower	Granted: Issued
✓ 09/594830	6/14/2000	6662895	12/16/2003	US	Dual-Path Single-Pump Hydrostatic Drive For Mower	Granted: Issued
✓ 10/669730	9/24/2003			US	Dual-Path, Single-Pump Hydrostatic Drive For Mower	Filed: Published
009399080	6/14/2000			EP	Dual-Path Single Pump Hydrostatic Drive Mower	Filed: Pending
2001502652	6/14/2000			JP	Dual-Path Single Pump Hydrostatic Drive Mower	Filed: Pending